AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A method ~~for monitoring communications usage~~, comprising:

receiving a call to a dialed number from a native transport network having limited capability of providing advanced telephony services;

associating the dialed number to a virtual telephone number;

routing the call ~~receiving a call routed from a dialed number in a native transport network to a virtual telephone number~~ in a service-providing network to receive the advanced telephony service~~, the native transport network having limited capability of providing advanced telephony service~~;

providing the advanced telephony service to the call~~, wherein the virtual telephone number utilizes intelligent services provided~~ by the service-providing network;

routing the call from the service-providing network to a terminating network destination; and

monitoring a duration of the call traversing the service-providing network.

2.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising monitoring a status of the call.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising routing the call ~~to an original destination~~ via the native transport network.

4.   (Canceled)

5.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the service-providing network is selected from a group consisting of a wireline network, a wireless network, and a packet-switching network.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising associating the virtual telephone number to a wireless telephone number ~~existing in the native transport network~~.

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising associating the virtual telephone number to another telephone number ~~existing in the native transport network~~.

8.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the native transport network is selected from a group consisting of a wireline network, a wireless network, and a packet-switching network.

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising billing ~~a telecommunications provider of the native transport network~~ for monitoring the duration of the call.

10.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising billing a subscriber based on the duration of the call.

11.   (Currently Amended) A system for monitoring communications usage, the system comprising:

       a processor executing software stored in memory that causes the processor to:

       receive a call to a dialed number routed from a native transport network having limited capability of providing advanced telephony services;
           associate the dialed number to an advanced telephony service;
           associate the advanced telephony service to a virtual telephone number;
           associate the dialed number to the virtual telephone number;
           route the call from ~~receive a call routed from a dialed number in a native transport network to a virtual telephone number~~ in a service-providing network to receive the

advanced telephony service, ~~the native transport network having limited capability of~~ ~~providing advanced telephony service~~;

provide the advanced telephony service to the call, ~~wherein the virtual telephone~~ ~~number utilizes intelligent services provided~~ by the service-providing network;

route the call from the service-providing network to a terminating network destination; and

monitor a duration of the call traversing the service-providing network.

12.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein the software further causes the processor to monitor a status of the call.

13.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the software further causes the processor to route the call ~~to an original destination~~ via the native transport network.

14.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the software further causes the processor to associate the virtual telephone number to another telephone number ~~existing~~ ~~in the native transport network~~.

15.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the software further causes the processor to associate [[the]] a calling number to the advanced telephony service ~~virtual~~ ~~telephone number to a packet-voice-based telephone number existing in the native~~ ~~transport network~~.

16.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein the service-providing network comprises an Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN).

17.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein the service-providing network comprises a packet-switching network.

18.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the software further causes the processor to modify messages accompanying the call ~~so that the call is not routed back to the service-providing network in an endless loop~~.

19.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein the software further causes the processor to modify caller information associated with the call.

20.   (Cancel)

21.   (Currently Amended) <u>Non-transitory memory</u> ~~Memory~~ storing software that causes a processor to perform a method ~~for monitoring communications usage~~, the method comprising:

       <u>receiving a call to a dialed number routed a native transport network having limited capability of providing advanced telephony services;</u>
       <u>associating the dialed number to an advanced telephony service;</u>
       <u>associating the advanced telephony service to a virtual telephone number;</u>
       <u>routing the call</u> ~~receiving a call routed from a dialed number in a native transport network to a virtual telephone number~~ in a service-providing network <u>to receive the advanced telephony service</u>~~, the native transport network having limited capability of providing advanced telephony service~~;
       providing the advanced telephony service to the call~~, wherein the virtual telephone number utilizes intelligent services provided~~ by the service-providing network;
       routing the call from the service-providing network to <u>the dialed number</u> ~~a terminating network destination~~; and
       monitoring a duration of the call traversing the service-providing network.